REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 12, 2005. The claims are listed above with the proper status identifiers. It is now believed that the Amendment filed December 20, 2004 is in compliance and is respectfully requested that the remarks in the Amendment filed December 20, 2004 also be considered.

If the Examiner requires anything further in connection with this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton G. Newton Reg. No. 42,930

CGN/tjd SHOOK, HARDY & BACON L.L.P. 2555 Grand Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64108-2613 816/474-6550